

Mexican C-46 Forced To Brownsville, Tex.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Oct. 30 (UPI)—A Mexican Airlines C-46 was hijacked after taking off from Tampico, Mexico, today, and forced to fly to Brownsville, Tex., where a small army of Federal agents arrested a Mexican national.

The airliner, bound for Beynosa, Mexico, from Poza Rica, was hijacked five minutes out of Tampico and landed at Brownsville at 2:30 p.m. (EST).

The suspect, identified as Juan Francisco Garcia Zuripa, was taken into custody by about 30 FBI men, customs officers, Federal marshals, sheriff's deputies and Brownsville police.

Antonio O. Martinez of Reynosa, a passenger, said he saw the man hand a note to a host-

ess after the plane cleared the Tampico airport.

Martinez said he was sitting beside the suspect when he saw two pistols concealed in a flight bag.

The passengers and crew members were placed in quarantine by customs and were released at 3:35 p.m. to continue their trip.

Two Americans aboard the plane, Jack Simon and Ralph Black, vegetable buyers from Los Angeles, said they were unaware of what was taking place until the plane landed.

Garcia Zuripa was taken to the Federal building in Brownsville for questioning.

There was no immediate word as to the hijacker's ultimate destination.

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